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Chairman Julius Genachowski
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, SW
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RE: In the Matter of applications of AT&T Inc. and Deutsche Telekom AG for consent to assign or Transfer Control of licenses and Authorizations (WT Docket No. 11-65).

Dear Chairman Genachowski:

From my position as executive director of the Franklin County Chamber of Commerce, I am writing to ask for the approval of the merger of AT&T and T-Mobile. This would be great for our area and deserves nothing less than your full support.

The Franklin County Chamber members are committed to establishing and maintaining a dynamic community to be enjoyed by all. Through their membership investment in and donations to the Chamber, they contribute to the prosperity of the local economy, working with the local governments and area economic developers in providing jobs for our county's residents. Through its mission to improve the business climate and quality of living in Franklin County for residents, workers and visitors, the Chamber provides valuable services to business and civic leaders who represent the backbone of the Franklin County business community.

To build upon the progress we've made to date, we know Franklin County businesses need a communications system that furthers growth potential and connects our residents and visitors to local businesses in our area. That is why we support the AT&T merger with fellow telecommunications firm, T-Mobile. While some areas of Franklin County have grown from urban sprawl stemming from our state's capital in Nashville, the majority of our land is still made up of rural communities. These areas are increasingly competing for job creation and business investment, and to do so adequately we need access to today's technologies empowered by mobile broadband.

When this issue comes before you at the Commission, I urge you all to support it and vote yes. Across Tennessee, we believe as 'yes' vote is a vote for creating jobs and spurring growth in rural areas like Franklin County.

Best regards,

Judy Taylor IOM, Executive Director
Franklin County Chamber of Commerce

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